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Photo by John T. Consoli

Testudo strikes a pose with some of the more than 300 people who attended the 5th Annual Terrapin Pride Day last week in Annapolis. Students, faculty, staff, alumni, parents and legislators helped to make this Pride Day the best attended yet. Gov. Parris Glendening, Senate President Mike Miller, House Speaker Casper Taylor, Senator P.J. Hogan, SGA President James Bond and President C.D. Mote Jr. all offered rallying speeches.

Award Helps Community Help Itself

Sharon Desmond, an associate professor of health education, wants the residents of Seat Pleasant to be more involved in city-level decisions that affect their health.

As a 2000-2001 Diversity Initiative Faculty Support award winner, she is assessing the health needs and strengths of that community. A board of directors comprised of residents and UM faculty will present, with recommendations, to the City Council the information she gathers.

"We want to develop programs to deal with some of the problems. We want the community to be making some of the decisions" about the solutions, she says.

The award grants a release from one course during one semester to support research, teaching and/or service aimed at developing a more inclusive community, on campus and off.

Desmond says Seat Pleasant may bear the burden of negative assumptions because of bad press the city receives due to some violence in the area. It is also a predominately African-American community.

"But a lot of citizens are telling us positive things about their community," she says. "And they're concerned with heart disease, liver dis-

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Researchers Find University's Contributions Significant, Diverse

The University of Maryland occupies about 1,500 rolling acres in Prince George's County, but its impacts on the state spread from the Atlantic Ocean beaches to the Appalachian Mountains, and they include significantly positive economic, social and technological effects, according to a new independent study.

The economic impact study conducted by economists with the Jacob France Center, an applied economics analysis center at the University of Baltimore, concluded that the University of Maryland generates \$5.93 of economic activity for every dollar appropriated by the General Assembly, for a total statewide effect of nearly \$1.8 billion. University faculty, staff and students spending their wages in the state generate much of that activity, but many of the university's impacts are more difficult to measure in dollars, according to the researchers.

"This study validates what we have known for years, that the University of Maryland is the state's most important asset," said President C.D. Mote Jr. "A lot of people know we have a major impact in one or more

economic areas. This study collects for the first time the breadth of our importance to the state."

Not only is the university one of the state's largest employers, with more than 16,000 employees, its activities also help to create additional jobs in the community. For example, the university's current construction activities, with contracts totaling nearly \$100 million, have created an additional 1,121 jobs. And the indirect effect of the university's activities creates another 21,126 jobs, according to the study, for a total impact of more than 39,000 jobs.

The university also produces more college graduates for the state's employers than any other institution in Maryland, nearly 25 percent of all bachelor's degrees in the state. The flagship university generates even larger shares of certain crucial categories: education majors (29 percent), business majors (31 percent), engineers (50 percent), architecture (82 percent) and agriculture (70 percent).

At the graduate level, the university's contribution is larger still. Half of all the doctorates in the state are grant-

ed by the University of Maryland, which also grants 80 percent of all the doctorates issued by public institutions. Those doctorates include 28 percent of all biological science degrees, 65 percent of mathematics degrees, 70 percent of computer science degrees and 93 percent of all educational degrees. The university's master's level graduates also dominate: 24 percent of all physical science, 44 percent of engineering, 49 percent of mathematics, 63 percent of architecture and 77 percent of agricultural master's degrees in the state, public and private, come from Maryland.

"The high production of people with graduate degrees is very important to the state, because they enter the workforce in the many high-wage occupations that are in demand by Maryland businesses, nonprofits and government agencies," said Brian Darmody, assistant vice president for research and economic development.

The Jacob France study also demonstrates that the university makes a significant contribution to economic development through tech-

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Cultivating Good Readers

Nina Harris's goal is simple: she wants children to read.

Through an organization called First Book—part of a broader program called America Reads*America Counts—she will help children who may not ever have owned a book to start their own personal library.

First Book favors programs that provide an ongoing relationship with the children served—for example, bringing a book a month to each child and reading with him or her—so that a rapport develops between the children and the people providing the books.

After attending an interest meeting on campus last fall, Harris decided to spearhead the local First Book effort. "I enjoy being part of something in its embryonic stage, and look forward to watching it grow and flourish here on campus," she said.

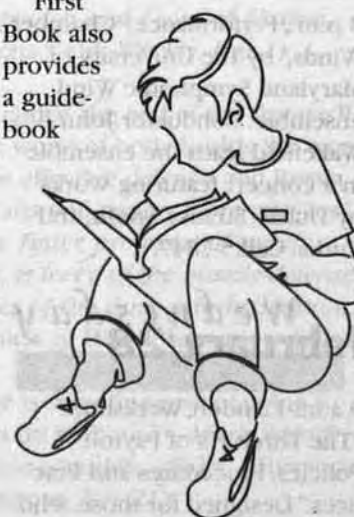
Harris is now forming a 15-member campus advisory board (CAB) made up of students and staff members.

Historically, First Book has been promoted through local advisory boards (LABs), grassroots groups comprised of people affiliated with each other by neighborhood or otherwise. The LABs receive start-up funding (as credit in book dollars) and a host of fund-raising ideas

from First Book's national office in Washington, D.C. The LABs in turn receive proposals from local groups or individuals who have ideas for the actual task of bringing the books to area children.

The national office of First Book has many methods of providing support and assistance to its advisory boards. They sponsor regional conferences, such as this month's First Book Northeast Conference 2001 in Washington, where participants learned how to build an effective advisory board, draw media attention and get books into the hands of children who need them. The conferences are also a forum for sharing successful strategies, ideas and experiences.

First Book also provides a guide-book



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Your Guide to University Events
February 27-March 7

Tuesday february 27

2-3:30 p.m., Workshop: "The Basics of Financial Planning." Provides a general understanding of personal finance management. Determining your net worth, cash flow, budgeting, managing credit and setting financial goals will be discussed. Contact the Organizational Development & Training Office at 5-5651, or visit www.personnel.umd.edu.

3:30 p.m., "Reforming the Social Family Contract: Public Support for Child Rearing in the U.S." With Nancy Folbre, Department of Economics, University of Massachusetts. 2309 Art-Sociology Building. Details in **For Your Interest**, page 8.

4 p.m., Physics Colloquium: "A New Method For Nonlinear And Nonstationary Time Series Analysis: The Hilbert Spectral Analysis." With Norden E. Huang, Chief Scientist, Laboratory for Hydrospheric Process, NASA Goddard Space Flight Center. Preceded by refreshments at 3:30 p.m. 1410 Physics. Call 5-3401.

5-8 p.m., Dinner: "Steak and Salmon Tuesday." Includes salad, a choice of grilled steak or salmon, and dessert. Golf Course Clubhouse. For more information, contact Nancy Loomis at (301) 403-4240 or at nloomis@dining.umd.edu.

6-9 p.m., OIT Workshop: "Basic Computing Technologies at Maryland." Introduces network technologies such as FTP transfer, reading and posting on Usenet newsgroups, subscribing to public newsgroups, and sending attachments using an e-mail program. Prerequisite: a WAM account. 3330 Computer & Space Science. Call 5-2938 or e-mail cwpost@umd5.umd.edu, or visit www.oit.umd.edu/PT.

8 p.m., Performance: "Chamber Winds," by the University of Maryland Symphonic Wind Ensemble. Conductor John E. Wakefield leads the ensemble in a concert featuring works by Dukas, Strauss, Spohr, and Kurka. Call 5-7847.

Wednesday february 28

9 a.m.-12 noon, Workshop: "The Three P's of Payroll: Policies, Procedures and Practices." Designed for those who are responsible for payroll

within their unit. Covers mandatory internal controls, what's needed to get a person on payroll, and what to do if a new employee doesn't get paid. Contact the Organizational Development & Training Office at 5-5651, or visit www.personnel.umd.edu.

10 a.m., Workshop: "Piano Masterclass with André Watts." The world-renowned pianist and resident artist at the university will lead his first masterclass of the semester. Call 5-7847.

11:30 a.m.-1 p.m., CTE Workshop: "TAs in a Foreign Land." Discussion will cover issues specific to international graduate TAs, though all members of the university community interested in teaching and learning are welcome. Light refreshments will be served. Maryland Room, Marie Mount Hall. For more information or to RSVP, call 5-9980 or e-mail cte@umail.umd.edu. To RSVP online, go to www.umd.edu/CTE/rsvp.html.

4-6 p.m., Forum: "Black Prosecutors and Blacks Prosecuted," a discussion about how fair the criminal justice system is for African-Americans, covering the following topics: racial profiling, overrepresentation of black Americans in prisons and jails, crimes for which blacks are convicted and tried, and solutions to remove the fear of being typecast as a criminal because of skin color. Guest speakers include Assistant U.S. Attorney Bryan Foreman, of the Southern Maryland division. Stamp Student Union. Contact Bernice Mireku, 5-9708 or bdm29@hotmail.com.

6-7:30 p.m., Taekwondo Class. Instruction, training, and practice conducted on a matted floor. All skill levels welcome. 0107 HHP North Gym. Contact Develon Huss, (301) 657-1203 or raven@taekwondo.net, or visit www.inform.umd.edu/studentorg/taekwondo/.

6-9 p.m., OIT Workshop: "Unix: Your WAM Account is More Than Just E-mail." Introduces the Unix operating system. Concepts covered include file and directory manipulation

commands, navigational skills, and the Pico editor. It does not teach programming skills. Walk-ins encouraged. Prerequisite: a WAM account. 4404 Computer & Space Science. Call 5-2938 or e-mail cwpost@umd5.umd.edu, or visit www.oit.umd.edu/PT.

7-8:30 p.m., Yoga Class. Parents' Gallery, Stamp Student Union. Call Alicia Simon, 4-8492.

Thursday march 1

4:30-6:30 p.m., OIT Workshop: "Netscape Page Composer: Making Web Pages the Easy Way." Introduces Netscape's web page editing and development tool. Learn to create simple page elements such as hyperlinks, colors, font styles, bullets and tables—without typing a single line of HTML code. Walk-ins encouraged. Prerequisites: basic web browsing ability and a WAM account. 4404 Computer & Space Science. Call 5-2938 or e-mail cwpost@umd5.umd.edu, or visit www.oit.umd.edu/PT.

7 p.m., Discussion and Book Signing: "Letters from the Editor: The New Yorker's Harold Ross" by Thomas Kunkle. University Book Center, Stamp Student Union. Details in **For Your Interest**, page 8.

8 p.m., Performance: "Graduate Concert." Directed, produced and choreographed by second-year graduate students of the MFA program in dance. Dance Theatre, Clarice Smith Performing Arts Center. Call 5-7847.

Friday march 2

9 a.m.-3 p.m., Event: "Sixth Annual High-Tech Research Review Day." Inn & Conference Center. Details in **For Your Interest**, page 8.

10 a.m.-1 p.m., Event: "Read Across America Day." Grade school students on campus for reading, acting, puppet show and more. Lunch is provided. Call 5-5974.

12-1 p.m., Communication Research Colloquium, "Cicero-

nian Oratory in Context." With Dr. James May, Classics Department, St. Olaf College. The talk will relate to a modern audience, two millennia removed, the context of a Ciceronian speech. Sponsored by the Department of Communication and the College of Arts and Humanities. 0200 Skinner. Call 5-8077 or e-mail mccomas@wam.umd.edu.

Saturday march 3

8 p.m., Concert: "University of Maryland Symphony Orchestra." Guest director Ian Shui from the Singapore Symphony Orchestra and soprano Linda Mabbs offer a program of Sibelius, Berlioz and Mahler. Concert Hall, Clarice Smith Performing Arts Center. Call 5-7847.

Sunday march 4

7:30 p.m., Concert: "Day in 4," with the Amsterdam Loeki Stardust Quartet, a blend of classical "consort" and contemporary quartet. Pre-concert discussion with the artists from 6-7 p.m. Inn & Conference Center. Call 5-7847 or visit www.claricesmithcenter.umd.edu.

Monday march 5

National Foreign Language Week begins. Details in **For Your Interest**, page 8.

4 p.m., Seminar: "Economic Development and Nationalism, 16th-20th Century." With Liah Greenfeld, Boston University. Discussion will be based on a reading available at the History Department, 2115 Key Hall, or via email at historycenter@umail.umd.edu. Sponsored by the Center for Historical Studies. Refreshments will be served starting at 3:30 p.m. Dean's Conference Room, 1102 Key Hall. Contact Stephen P. Johnson, 5-8739.

6-9 p.m., OIT Workshop: "HTML I." Learn to create a basic Web page with HTML code. 4404 Computer & Space Science. Prerequisites: Basic Computing Technologies at Maryland and a WAM account. Call 5-2938 or e-mail cwpost@umd5.umd.edu, or visit www.oit.umd.edu/PT.

8 p.m., Concert: "New Music from Maryland." Original chamber compositions by Maryland music students, and by faculty member Lawrence Moss. Chris Gekker performs on trumpet. Gildenhorn Recital Hall, Clarice Smith Performing Arts Center. Call 5-7847.

Tuesday march 6

4 p.m., Physics Colloquium: "Convection," 7th Annual Shih-I-Pai Lecture in Fluid Dynamics and Plasma Dynamics. With Katepalli R. Sreenivasan, Mason Laboratory, Yale University. The

lecture will assume very little prior knowledge. Lecture Hall, 1410 Physics. Preceded by a reception from 3:15-3:55, Toll Room, 1204 Physics. Call 5-4877.

6-9 p.m., OIT Workshop: "MS Powerpoint: Creating Effective Computer Presentations." Prerequisite: Windows 98 experience. 4404 Computer & Space Science. Call 5-2938 or e-mail cwpost@umd5.umd.edu, or visit www.oit.umd.edu/PT.

Wednesday march 7

9 a.m.-4 p.m., OIT Shortcourse Training: "Introduction to FileMaker Pro." Learn basic database concepts and terms; basic Filemaker Pro concepts and terms; define field types, create fields and import data; perform complex find requests, combining AND and OR requests; work with layouts. OIT MAC WAM Lab, Computer & Space Science. To register, visit www.oit.umd.edu/sc, call 5-0443 or oit-training@umail.umd.edu.

2-3:30 p.m., Workshop: "IRA and Other Investment Options." Compare and contrast the relative benefits and disadvantages of tax-deferred annuities (SRAs), Classic (Traditional) and Roth and Education IRAs. 1101U Chesapeake Building. Sponsored by the Organizational Development and Training Office, 5-5651.

2:30-4 p.m., CTE Workshop: "Teaching Diversity Courses: Models and Techniques for Success." Maryland Room, Marie Mount Hall. For more information or to RSVP, call 5-9980 or e-mail cte@umail.umd.edu. To RSVP online, go to www.umd.edu/CTE/rsvp.html.

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Rama Chellappa, Computer Science/UMI-ACS, has been selected to receive the IEEE Signal Processing Society 2000 Technical Achievement Award. This Award honors a person who, over a period of years, has made outstanding technical contributions to the theory and/or practice in technical areas within the scope of the society, as demonstrated by publications, patents, or recognized impact on the field.

Michael F. Fisher, Physics/IPST, was elected an Honorary Fellow of the Indian Academy of Sciences in recognition of his distinguished contributions to science. The academy reserves this honor to no more than three distinguished scientists each year.

Robert Rudnick, Geology, has accepted an invitation from the Mineralogical Society of America to participate in their Distinguished Lecturer Program, 2001-2002. Rudnick will be involved in several lecture tours during the academic year to multiple universities.

Konstantina Trivisa, **Jiu-Kang Yu** and **Melanie Becker** have been awarded the highly prestigious Alfred P. Sloan Foundation Research Fellowships. Trivisa and Yu received two of 20 mathematics awards given, and Becker was one of 23 physics awardees for 2001.

Carol Burbank, assistant professor of history, criticism and performance studies, is a Maryland Institute for Technology in the Humanities Fellow this spring. She will research interactive performance possibilities using Web-based technology. A panel created by Burbank representing international experts on activist theater, "Activism and Community," will be presented at Performance Studies International in Mainz, Germany on March 28.

Economic Impact Study

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nology transfer resulting from sponsored research activities. One of the top 25 universities in the nation in sponsored research expenditures, the university spent more than \$212 million on research in fiscal year 2000, more than 70 percent of that from federal agencies, including NASA, Department of Defense and the National Science Foundation. The university also received more than \$77 million for outreach training programs such as the university's Small Business Development Centers, to take the institution's intellectual capital directly to businesses and communities.

The study also notes that the Massachusetts Institute of Technology ranks the university 28th nationally in terms of technological strength, which is based on commercialization activity, including the number of invention disclosures, patent applications filed and patents awarded. Maryland was the only public university in the Middle Atlantic region to be reviewed.

In addition to the inventiveness of its own faculty, Maryland offers programs such as the Technology Advancement Program (TAP) and the Technology Extension Service to assist Maryland businesses, Darmody said.

The study outlines a wide range of other activities that have direct or indirect impacts, from large-scale campus events and cultural activities to faculty and staff volunteer and community service activities.



Photo by Monette Bailey

(l-r) **Theresa Jones**, of Dining Services, and **Darrell Taylor** and **Natasha Shamone** of the Smith School of Business celebrate Shamone's door prize. As a team, they participated in the Black Faculty/Staff Association annual Black Jeopardy game last week. Participants broke into four teams to answer questions about black members of the campus community in categories such as clerical hot shots, student leaders, new faces and distinguished alumni.

Diversity Award

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ease, just like other communities."

Desmond chose the city after working on summer violence prevention programs a few summers ago with colleague Aria Crump, an assistant professor in health education.

Submissions for the 2001-2002 Diversity Initiative Faculty Support award are being accepted by the Faculty Relations Subcommittee on the Diversity Initiative until March 5, 2001. The award is also supported by the Office of Human Relations Programs through the President's cabinet, the Graduate

School and Academic Affairs. Full-time tenured or tenure-track faculty of any rank are eligible to apply.

Desmond will present her research at the Seventh Annual Diversity Research Forum on Race, Gender and Identity being held March 29 at the university.

For more information, contact Scott at Rm. 2322 HLHP Building, (301) 405-2480 or ms24@umail.umd.edu, or Sally Koblinksky at Rm. 1204A Family Studies, Marie Mount Hall, (301) 405-4009 or sk38@umail.umd.edu. For more information on diversity efforts at the University of Maryland, access the diversity database at www.inform.umd.edu/diversity/.

First Book Program

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with information on the essentials of beginning a LAB—including fund-raising suggestions from sorority dances to corporate sponsorship—and catalogues of books from which individual program directors can choose books appropriate to their program.

There is a national newsletter highlighting events, developments and corporate and celebrity sponsorships of First Book. Reba McIntyre is national spokesperson, but she is not the only celebrity to get involved. Frankie Muniz, better known as Malcolm on the hit TV show "Malcolm in the Middle," and children's authors Mary Engelbreit and Laura Numeroff have lent their names and efforts to the cause.

First Book is even a founding partner of PBS' "Between the Lions," a show about a family of lions who run a fantastic library where characters leap from the pages of books.

The reading program is experiencing tremendous growth across the country, as national initiatives and local strategies have increased the program's ability to reach more children with more books. The



University of Maryland is among five universities nationwide chosen by First Book to create a campus advisory board, a test run at using campuses as a seat for the boards.

The decision was based on two things: the university's good work in partnership with Prince George's County schools on the America Reads program, and local need.

Harris sees First Book as another opportunity for the university to serve the community, recognizing the symbiotic relationship between the two. After all, the same young students helped by First Book may eventually matriculate at UM. Says Harris, "We owe the people of Prince George's County something. This is our way of showing that."

First Book is an all-volunteer organization, so all money raised goes directly to the children served by the program. In the case of UM, the children of Prince George's County will be the beneficiaries, as the program's intent is that each advisory board serve its local constituency.

For more information about the First Book program, visit www.first-book.org. To find out about what's happening on campus, contact Nina Harris, Assistant Dean of Undergraduate Studies, at (301) 405-9362.



"Tobacco farming is the hardest, dirtiest work you'll ever want to do, and tobacco farmers have looked for alternative crops ever since tobacco's been here, for 300 years. But in Southern Maryland where the farms are small, we haven't found an alternative...nothing will give us the return per acre." —*A farmer speaks to the plight of the tobacco farmer, but help is on the way. In a story headlined "Experiment May Turn Tobacco Into Wine," David Myers, assistant professor in the department of natural resources and landscape architecture, may have found an alternative crop: grapes. Helping him change the agro-culture are extension agents Herb Reed and Benjamin Beale. (Baltimore Sun, Feb. 20)*

"The University of Maryland, College Park is coordinating the development of a similar Internet exchange point for the East Coast to be located on the College Park campus. We look at these two facilities as becoming the major East Coast and West Coast Internet switching centers for use by the education community..." —*An administrator at California State University at Hayward speaks about developing centers for directing Internet traffic on both coasts, to benefit educational and research opportunities. (Chronicle of Higher Education, Feb. 23)*

"You can go online and find out what someone paid for their house, get property tax information, tax assessment information, see who signed on the loan—it's all public...Where once the only people who looked at it were lawyers doing titles searches, now it's immediately available to the merely curious." —*An aspect of the wide-open information highway that is the Web is delineated by Alan Neustadt, professor of sociology, in a feature story on Internet privacy, or lack thereof. (Computerworld, Feb. 19)*

"I go out and perform concerts, and I'm always bringing something back to campus with me, which I pass on to my students. And in return, I'm always growing from them. And if you have a new piece you want to try out, you can do it here on campus, which helps show them (students) how to pull a program together, and how to expand their repertoires." —*For Linda Mabbs, professor of voice and opera, the knowledge she passes on is gleaned from concerts in some of the great opera houses of the world, performing for conductors the likes of Sir George Solti, Sir Neville Marriner, Mstislav Rostropovich and Leonard Slatkin. (Pasadena, Calif., Weekly, Feb. 1)*

"I'm afraid at the end of the day we'll get the worst of both worlds. We won't have an effective defense, and Russia and China will deploy more missiles." —*Steve Fetter, professor of public affairs, is leery of the missile-defense schemes of the Bush administration. (Chronicle of Higher Education, Feb. 23)*

"Nature is something we're going to have to do without." —*Mark Sagoff, professor of public affairs (Torrance, Calif. Breeze, Jan. 21).*

For Your Interest

Faculty and Staff ID Card Change

Faculty and staff photo ID cards still displaying Social Security numbers after July 1, 2001 will violate a new Maryland law. The Office of the Registrar has discontinued printing the numbers on the backs of photo I.D. cards. However, cards issued before this change can be replaced at no cost.

Old cards do not have to be replaced, but faculty and staff wishing to do so may send email to idecard@umail.umd.edu. They should list their full name, date of birth and the address to which the new card should be sent. Processing a request takes five working days. E-mail notification will be sent when the new card is mailed.

Those who do not wish to, or cannot, send their information by e-mail may call (301) 314-9031.

Take Your Daughters to Science

The Women in Engineering Office invites 11- to 13-year-old girls to participate in its KEYS-science and engineering program featuring innovative workshops, hands-on lab activities and interaction with supportive role models. The aim of the program is to help enable girls who are excited about science and technology at a young age to choose science, math and engineering tracks in high school and beyond.

The program will take place on Saturday, Mar. 10 from 9 a.m.-4 p.m. For more information, please drop by the Women in Engineering office at 1106 Glenn L. Martin Hall, or contact Tao Peng at (301) 405-0315 or tpeng@deans.umd.edu. Due to the program's popularity, students will be selected on a first-come basis, and, in order to get more people involved, repeated participation is not encouraged. Please visit www.engr.umd.edu/wie/PreCollege/keysapp.html for an application form.

For the Love of Languages

Make plans now to celebrate National Foreign Language Week Mar. 5-11. Alpha Mu Gamma, the National Collegiate Foreign Language Honor Society, inaugurated the celebration in the spring of 1957 to focus nationwide attention on the importance of studying languages and cultures.

Campus sponsors of this year's celebration include the departments of Asian and East European Languages and Culture, Classics, French and Italian Languages and Literatures, Germanic Studies, and Spanish and Portuguese Languages and Literatures; the Maryland English Institute; the Language Center; Business, Cultures & Languages; FOLA; Language House; Latin American Studies Center; International Education Services; the Study Abroad Office; the Career Center; the Office of International Programs; the Institute for Global Chinese Affairs; and the College of Arts and Humanities.

A schedule of events will be available Mar. 1 at www.inform.umd.edu/EdRes/Colleges/ARHU/langctr.

Demography of Inequality Seminar

The Center on Population, Gender, and Social Inequality is sponsoring a series of seminars on the Demography of Inequality. The next speaker will be Nancy Folbre from the Department of Economics at the University of Massachusetts, who will be speaking on "Reforming the Social Family Contract: Public Support for Child Rearing in the U.S."

The seminar will be held Wednesday, Feb. 28 at 3:30 p.m., room 2309 of the Art-Sociology Building. The text of Folbre's paper (co-authored with Paula England) can be found online at www.bsos.umd.edu/socy/popcenter/.

Kunkle Book Signing

Thomas Kunkle, Dean of the College of Journalism and award-winning author, will discuss and sign his most recent work, "Letters from the Editor: The New Yorker's Harold Ross." In his book, Kunkle shares the

witty and amusing writing of the man who launched the world's most prestigious magazine.

The event takes place at the University Book Center in Stamp Student Union on Thursday, Mar. 1 at 7 p.m. The discussion is part of the University Book Center's ongoing Author Series and all events are free and open to the public. For more information, call (301) 314-7770.

High-Tech Research Review

The Sixth Annual Research Review Day will feature more than 150 faculty research demonstrations and presentations, showcasing four of the university's high-technology units: Electrical and Computer Engineering, the Computer Science Department, the Institute for Systems Research, and the Institute for Advanced Computer Studies. Presentation subjects include "Information for Visualization: Insight or Innovation"; "Secure Management of Distributed and Wireless Networks"; and "Neuromorphic Engineering: The Science and Technology of Emulating the Brain."

This free event will be held on Friday, Mar. 2 from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. at the Inn and Conference Center. Registration begins at 8 a.m. To register online, visit www.ece.umd.edu/RRD/rrd_registration.html. For more information, call LaShanna Young at (301) 405-0548.

Demystifying Dreads

The Parent's Association Gallery at the Stamp Student Union hosts "Dreads: Photographic Images by Francesco Mastalia & Alfonse Pagano." The black and white photographic exhibit captures what the artists call "the natural hair revolution."

The duotone images unravel the mysticism of dreads by exploring the historical beliefs and modern phenomenon of natty, knotted, ropelike locks. The photos were selected from "Dreads," a 1999 publication. The exhibit is sponsored by the Division of Academic Affairs, the Black Student Union and the Office of Campus Programs.

The Dreads exhibit runs through March 16 at the Parents Association Gallery, Stamp Student Union. Gallery hours are 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Monday through Friday; 11 a.m.-5 p.m. Saturdays. For more information, call Samantha Jones at (301) 314-8493.



Colloquium on Brazilian History

The Center for Historical Studies announces a two-day colloquium, "After the Quincentennial: History, Memory, and Nation in Brazil," Mar. 6-7. The colloquium is the second such event in an ongoing exchange relationship between the history departments of the University of Maryland and the Universidade Federal Fluminense in Brazil.

Two workshops are scheduled for Tuesday, March 6: "History, Memory, and Slavery" from 9:30-11:30

Black History Month Events

February 27

6:30 p.m., "SANKOFA Film Festival." Black film festival. Feb. 20: "Watermelon Woman." Feb. 27: a series of shorts from around the world on the theme of "Expanding the Diaspora." 1140 Plant Sciences. For more information, call 5-9253.

February 28

2-5 p.m., Film and discussion: "Tutu and Franklin: A Journey Towards Peace." Award-winning broadcast journalist Renee Poussaint will introduce her latest documentary on racial reconciliation and leadership and answer questions. Sponsored by the Academy of Leadership and the College Park Scholars. Nyumburu Cultural Center multipurpose room. Contact Marie Cini at mcini@academy.umd.edu.

Through February 28

8 a.m.-6 p.m., African American Heritage Book Fair. All African American Heritage related titles in stock at the University Book Center will be discounted 20%. University Book Center. Call 4-7846.

a.m., and "History, Memory and Urban Culture" from 1-3 p.m. A third workshop, "History, Memory and Politics," will take place on Wednesday, Mar. 7, 10:30-12:00. All three workshops will be held in 1102J Key Hall (Dean's Conference Room), and discussions will be based on papers available in advance in the History Department office (2115 Key Hall).

The concluding event, on Mar. 7 from 3-5 p.m., is a panel discussion, "History, Memory and Nation in Brazil," to which undergraduate students are especially invited. It will be held in the Multipurpose Room of the Nyumburu Cultural Center.

For further information, including paper titles and presenters, visit www.inform.umd.edu/HIST/HistoryCenter/news.html.

Meditation 101

Take a look at meditation up close and personal. The University Health Center will be sponsoring a 6-week program on meditation in which participants will practice one meditation technique per session.

The program will be offered on Wednesdays—Feb. 28, Mar. 7, 14 and 28, and Apr. 4 and 11—from 5:30-6:30 p.m. in Room 1115 at the Campus Recreation Center (conference room in the CRC offices). There is a \$50 fee for the 6-week program. For more information or to register, call (301) 314-1493 or e-mail treger@health.umd.edu. You do not have to be a member of the CRC to attend this series.

Math Mania

The Department of Mathematics will host its Semi-annual Workshop on Dynamical Systems and Related Topics beginning on the morning of Saturday, Mar. 17 and continuing until Tuesday, Mar. 20 at 1 p.m. The workshop is sponsored in part by the Department of Mathematics and the Institute for Physical Science and Technology at Maryland, and by the National Science Foundation.

For more about the conference, including a list of speakers, abstract information and more, visit www.math.umd.edu/~bhunt/01ws/.